

**REMARKS**

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action of February 16, 2006, including the cited prior art. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 21 to overcome Examiner's rejections of these claims. In addition, Applicant has canceled claims 41 and 46, and amended those claims dependent on them to update their dependency. In view of the amendments to claims 1 and 21 and the remarks which follow, Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance, and accordingly, requests issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance.

Claims 1 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Zinsmeyer (USPN 5,163,586) ("the '586 patent") in view of Schroeder (USPN 6,535,795) ("the '795 patent"). The '586 patent discloses an automotive fuel additive dispensing and blending system. The '586 patent also discloses a housing, a hydraulic module, control circuitry, a sensor, and processing circuitry. The '586 patent further discloses that "the fuel dispenser computer may be connected and programmed to interact with a remote operator terminal and other modern service station transaction equipment." Col. 5, Lines 4-7. The '795 patent discloses a method for chemical addition utilizing adoptive process control optimizations. The '795 patent also discloses the use of historical data to adjust the amount of chemicals added to an end product. However, neither the '586 patent nor the '795 patent disclose a network connection for the transmission of billing information to a point-of-sale system, which is required by both claims 1 and 21 in their amended form. Applicant respectfully submits that as all elements of claims 1 and 21 are not disclosed by the combined disclosures of the '586 patent and the '795 patent, an obviousness rejection based on these patents cannot be sustained. Further, as all other claims are dependent on either claims 1 or 21, if Examiner should find these claims allowable, the remaining claims should be allowed as well.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the amendments to claims 1 and 21 and the argument set forth in this response, this application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued. However, should Examiner be of the opinion that further amendment or response is required; Applicant encourages Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below. Further, although no additional fees are believed to be due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Cook, Alex, McFarron, Manzo, Cummings & Mehler, Ltd., Deposit Account No. 50-1039 with reference to attorney docket number (1455-0005).

Respectfully submitted,

COOK, ALEX, McFARRON, MANZO,  
CUMMINGS & MEHLER, LTD.

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
David Mundt, Reg. No. 41,207

200 West Adams Street, Suite 2850  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

April 12, 2006

(312) 984-0144 (Telephone)  
(312) 984-0146 (Facsimile)



To place an order please visit:  
[www.labeluniverse.com](http://www.labeluniverse.com)

For questions please e-mail:  
[support@labeluniverse.com](mailto:support@labeluniverse.com)

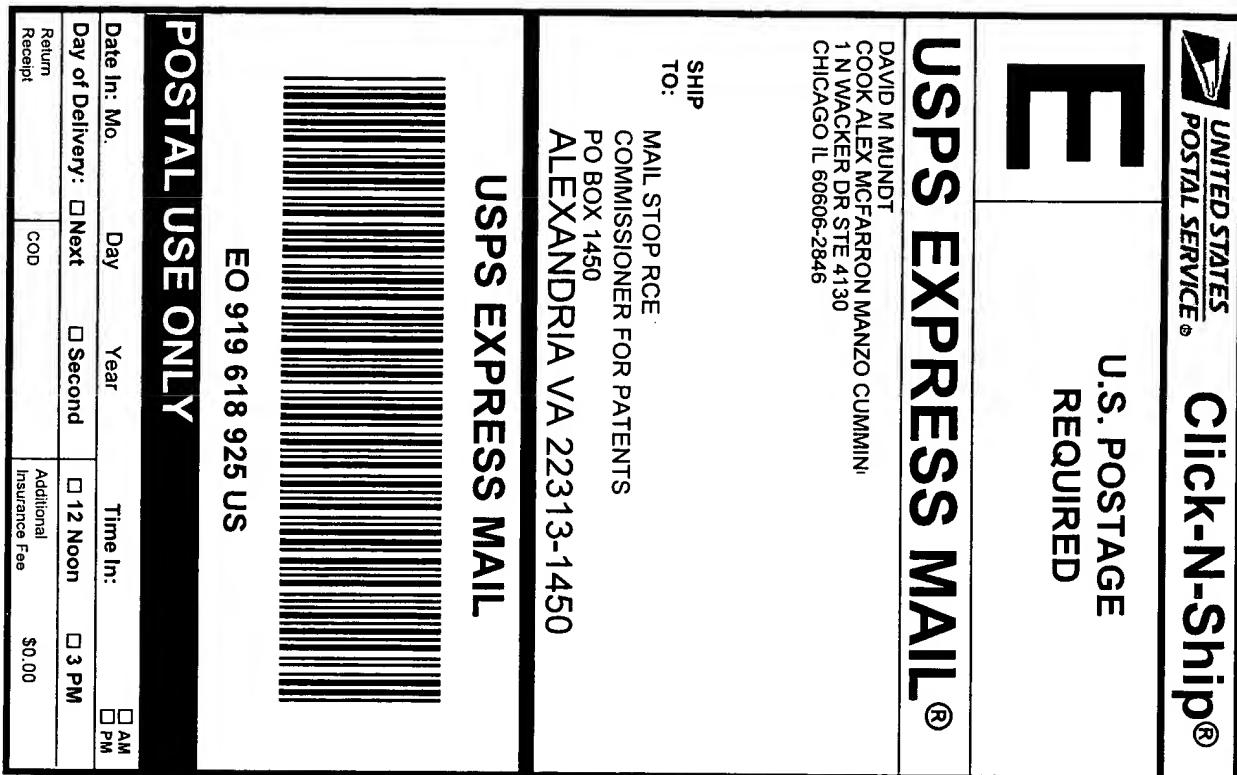
or

Call us at: 800-861-8680  
Fax us at: 920-487-6880

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- This label is designed for the U.S. Postal Service® Click-N-Ship® application at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)
- These labels are intended for Domestic shipments only.
- Sheets are intended for use in laser and high quality inkjet printers.
- The sheet is a continuous self-adhesive material with one shipping label print area and one receipt label print area. This design ensures best printer performance.
  - The opposite side of this sheet is the printable surface. (Please load paper according to manufacturer's specifications. A test sheet of paper, without adhesive, has been enclosed in your package for testing purposes.)

**Use for Domestic Shipping Labels Only**



Use Express Mail packaging or stickers. Securely affix label to mail piece. Do not tape over barcode or "Postal Use Only" section. This Online Label and Online Record must be presented to Postal personnel for acceptance processing to receive the service guarantee and be eligible for a service related refund. This completed and round-dated Online Record must be submitted with refund application. Refunds for unused postage paid labels can be requested online 10 days from the print date.

**EXPRESS  
MAIL** **CUSTOMER Online Record** **DO NOT MAIL**

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE®

**ORIGIN (POSTAL USE ONLY)**

PO ZIP Code 60606	Day of Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Next <input type="checkbox"/> Second	Flat Rate Envelope <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date In Mo. Day Year	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 NOON <input type="checkbox"/> 3 PM	Postage \$14.40
Time In <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	Address to PO Box <input type="checkbox"/>	Return Receipt Fee
Weight lbs 0 ozs 3	Contents Value	COD Fee \$0.00
No Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday	Acceptance Clerk Initials	Total Postage & Fees \$14.40

**EO 919 618 925 US**

**WAIVER OF SIGNATURE** (Domestic Only) Additional merchandise insurance is void if waiver of signature is requested. I wish delivery to be made without obtaining signature of addressee or addressee's agent (if delivery employee judges that article can be left in secure location) and I authorize that delivery employee's signature constitutes valid proof of delivery.

Mailer's Signature

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

FROM: <b>DAVID M MUNDT COOK ALEX MCFARRON MANZO CUMMINGS &amp; MEHLER 1 N WACKER DR STE 4130 CHICAGO IL 60606-2846</b>	TO: <b>MAIL STOP RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS PO BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA VA 22313-1450</b>
--	--

(Label 1 of 1) **Not Paid Online**

Label 11-D June 2001 FOR PICKUP OR TRACKING CALL 1-800-222-1811 [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

**USPS Employee:** For service failure refunds, follow existing refund procedures. Attach the Customer Online Record to the PS Form 3533 and send copies of both to the Express Mail Office for recording.